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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] on April 5, 1968, as to comments made by STANLEY LEVISON and his wife about the status of the SCLC. *(S)*

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Martin Luther King, Jr.
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on April 6, 1968, that on that date Stanley Levison's wife stated that there is really no one to take Martin Luther King's place as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) but that King more or less named (Ralph) Abernathy as his "heir". She added that this is "not what we would want to see", that Andrew Young (Executive Vice-President of the SCLC) would be preferable but even he would need a lot of help. She said Levison, who was in Atlanta, was going to try to turn it over to a governing body which is the most he can hope for. *(S)*

The source also ascertained that Stanley Levison later contacted his wife. She inquired about a report that the Field Foundation was going to give the SCLC one million dollars. According to Levison, the Field Foundation contacted the SCLC and said something about two hundred to three hundred to three hundred thousand dollars. He added that it will take a million dollars to keep SCLC going. *(S)*

Levison commented that there is hostility between Coretta King, Martin Luther King's wife, and "the staff" (SCLC). He said Mrs. King was pushing for a memorial library but the staff was fighting it. *(S)*

Levison also mentioned that he went to "Daddy King's" house "where most of the meeting took place". He said that the people from Atlanta University came over, "all the people that Daddy King respects--and they are all National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) people." Levison said that the NAACP people from Atlanta University wanted to take over the whole funeral, all the money that will come in, *(S)*

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

and build a chapel "and that sort of thing". Levison said that Mrs. King "ducked her way out of that" and added "That's the kind of machinations that are going on". (S)

Mrs. Levison inquired if Levison had gotten around to what is going to happen in Washington (King's Poor People's Campaign). Levison commented that it is unlikely that "Washington is going to come off especially in view of the rioting". (S)

Levison also indicated that he would attend a meeting of the (SCLC) policy making group the next day. (S)



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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,

Dear Sir,

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I will start by telling you who I am

I am the only Uncle that Tatem (Chubby) Wofford had when he died, his mother was my sister also my sister and I have a picture of you Tatem, Tom Clark and Walter Winchell that you had made in a night club in Washington although you might not remember it.

My name is [redacted] and I am 76 years old they say I do not look it.

You know a Negro is one of the most jealous persons in the world. You could be looking up the rong tree. What Big Negroes toes was Martin L. King stepping on?

I think it is worth investigating.

Yours truly

[redacted]
 LUMPKIN, GA. 31815

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Dear [Redacted]

This is to acknowledge receipt of
your letter dated April 11, 1968.

Thank you for your interest in
bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Gentlemen:- I realize that you are flooded with calls and letters from all kinds of Crackpots and my theory may not hold water but if I might have just one thought that would help, in the least, in solving the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. I would ~~I~~-would be glad I wrote you. First, that famous letter from Birmingham Jail, mentioned that the writings of Mohandus Ghandi put the whole idea of peaceful resistance in his mind. Ghandi was his hero and he suffered all kinds of persecutions, for his cause. He fasted for days, burned his feet and gave his life, a martyr to the Cause to the poverty of India. Dr. King studied the crucifixion of Christ, also of Paul, Peter and the beheading of John the Baptist and other martyrs. He relished being thrown in jail and the many hardships and persecutions, the insults and shame which he was subjected to. He said he had conquered the fear of death, so you see what I am leading up to --suicide. Just before Easter, the funeral just before Good Friday, Just in time to get the Civil rights bill passed before adjournment. He believed his death would accomplish more than he could do otherwise, and rightly so. Please study the film of his last sermon. "I have reached the pinnacle of fulfillment" ect. How was he killed. By a paid professional killer. Maybe a white man, maybe negro, he did not ~~come out~~ the front door and drop his gun, that would have been stupid, he escaped out back and hid some place near and was probably with the "morners" in the street. He had no idea of being apprehended. He was experienced in killing and knew all the tricks of the trade. This tradey was long and well planned. Dr. King saw no harm in it, as he thought the means were not as important as the end. He wanted his cause to win so badly that he was willing and anxious to die if necessary. Well, I hope you will find the real culpret and I hope no more innocent blood will be spilled. I'm sorry to take so much of your valuable time, but I just had to get it off my chest. Thanks:

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A deeply concerned Citizen

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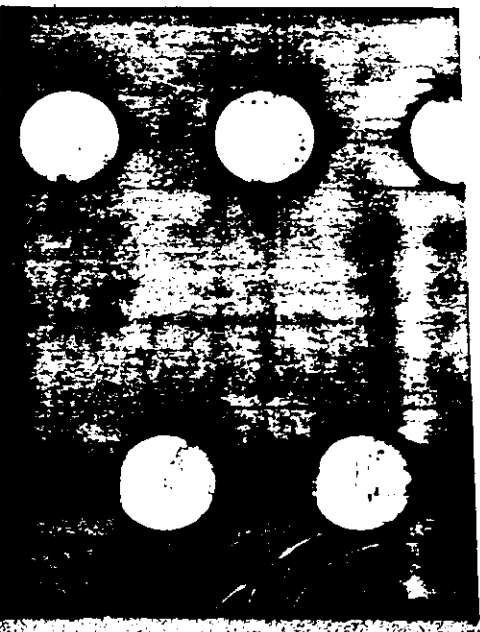
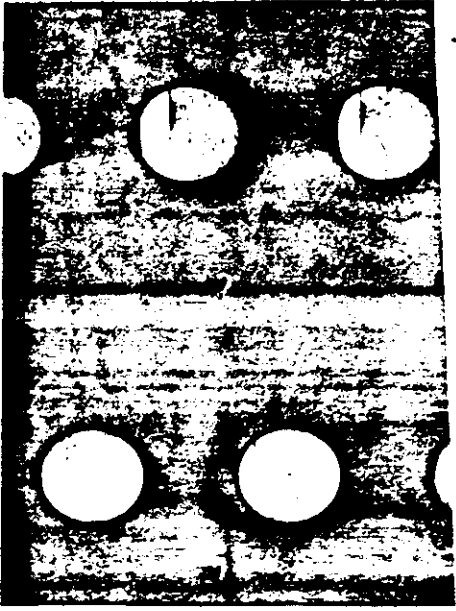
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WXYZ EDITORIAL

THE MESSAGE FROM DR. KING

Martin Luther King lived for non-violence. His efforts in the last few years of his life were dedicated to the American ideal that all men should be free to participate in all of the benefits that our freedom grants us.

To some, the reaction seems to seek revenge for the slaying of this martyr to their cause. This would be tragic, in that it would be sacrificing the very ideals he valued so highly. It would be destruction of the dream which he held for all of the people of this nation.

As Mayor Cavanagh has said . . . violence of any kind would dishonor the memory of Dr. King . . . a man the mayor described as an example for all of us to follow.

We must all recognize our responsibility not to surrender to the insanity which struck down Dr. King . . . and, instead, determine to further his own ideals of building toward a better world . . . rather than destroy any hope for one.

This is WXYZ's viewpoint.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-85853) (P)
SUBJECT: CHICAGO
RACIAL DISTURBANCES FOLLOWING
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
EVENING EVENING APRIL 4, 1968
RACIAL MATTERS

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The title of this case is being marked changed to indicate title reflecting racial disturbances occurring in Chicago following the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Re Chicago airtel and RHM dated 4/11/68, captioned "Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., RM" and Chicago teletype, this caption, in period 4/8/68.

Included herewith for the Bureau are twelve (12) copies of an RHM setting forth information concerning disturbances in Chicago as a result of KING's assassination. This RHM encompasses a period during late afternoon and evening of 4/8/68. Subsequent RHM's will set forth information reflecting activities occurring after that period.

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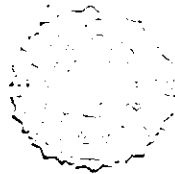
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Chicago, Illinois

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RACIAL DISTURBANCES FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING EVENING APRIL 4, 1968

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated April 11, 1968, captioned "Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr." reflecting disturbance and riotous activity involving looting, arson and general disorder in Chicago Negro neighborhoods on Chicago's west, near north and south side. The referenced communication contains information concerning events of this nature in Chicago and its adjacent suburban areas which transpired during the general period from the morning hours of April 7, 1968, to the evening hours of April 8, 1968.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on April 7, 1968, that the Social Security Administration has space at 185 North Canal, Chicago. He stated that 2,700 employees are employed at that location, 60 per cent of whom are Negro.

[REDACTED] was reportedly told by [REDACTED] who handled the leasing of this building, that [REDACTED] got a "warning from Black Nationalists" that the building would be burned April 9, 1968, following King's funeral. He could furnish no additional facts.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised on April 8, 1968, that the Joliet-Lockport, Illinois, area was alive with numerous rumors of intended violence for the evening of April 8, 1968. Rumors are to the effect that businesses, lumber yards, the city bus garage and the municipal building are to be set aflame.

[REDACTED] advised that Joliet and Lockport townships

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
BEGINNING EVENING APRIL 4, 1968

are on an 8:00 PM to 8:00 PM curfew which will be strictly enforced by city and state police, the sheriff's office and the National Guard. All liquor establishments are to be closed in Joliet and Lockport Townships. The commercial business district is closing three hours ahead of time in anticipation of potential rioting. The National Guard has approximately 200 soldiers complimenting 100 Illinois State Troopers, 45 city police and 45 Sheriff's deputies. b7(D)

[REDACTED] indicate that arrests, if necessary, will be made under city ordinance "Resisting arrest and failure to obey a police officer". Emergency jail facilities have been constructed in anticipation of a large number of arrests.

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[REDACTED] the troubled areas on Chicago's south and west sides on this date. Source advised he had determined from conversation with people on 63rd Street, between State Street and Stony Island Avenue, (1600 East) people resent the presence of the National Guard in the area and in the opinion of this source, people seem to be waiting for someone to assume leadership positions and lead them in riotous activity. Source advised that on 63rd Street, west from State Street toward Damen Avenue (2000 West), several stores appear to have been looted, considerable window breakage was noted and other damage to businesses in the area.

Source further advised that on Chicago's west side, where severe destruction of property occurred, people on the street still show signs of resentment against any white businesses in the area and most businesses destroyed were white controlled. People on the street indicated willingness to go out to burn and destroy again, and tensions continue high in this area. h (1)

[REDACTED] that three bus loads of Operation Breadbasket personnel left at 3:30 PM, April 8, 1968, for Atlanta, Georgia, to attend the funeral of Martin Luther King, Jr. Operation Breadbasket is affiliated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and it has been helping Negroes obtain employment in Chicago.

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KING, JR., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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advised [redacted] company had received inquiries from perspective Negro clients in Chicago to charter planes for travel to Atlanta to attend the funeral of Martin Luther King, Jr. He advised further as of 5:00 PM on April 8, 1968, that all negotiations were cancelled by [redacted] providing no charter flights for Negro groups in Chicago. He stated it was his understanding that two chartered flights were being provided [redacted] New York City, for travel to Atlanta.

[redacted] that the Chicago Police Department had just completed a raid on the Garfield Organization headquarters, 9 North Healer, Chicago, a self-described community improvement organization on Chicago's west side. The police department arrested Edward "Fats" Crawford, self-proclaimed leader of the National Negro Rifle Association, militant Black Nationalist group, and Frederick Douglas Andrews, official of the Garfield Organization, who was formerly active in the militant civil rights group, ACT. Also arrested were Andrew Brown and Curley Reed. Warrants stemmed from information indicating above individuals were active in setting fires on Chicago's west side during the disturbances beginning the night of April 4, 1968.

On April 8, 1968, [redacted] Region I, 118th Air Group, Evanston, Illinois, advised he had been informed that there was a rumor at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois, that a "Black Power group was to march on Great Lakes, April 9, 1968 and destroy the power plant." This rumor was allegedly disseminated as such to Army authorities from [redacted] Ninth Naval District, Great Lakes, as such.

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RUMOR DISTURBANCES FOLLOWING
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
BEGINNING EVENING APRIL 4, 1968

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On April 6, 1968, [redacted], Naval Investigative Service, Great Lakes, Illinois, advised that the above rumor was passed through channels to [redacted] as a consequence of misinterpretation in a conversation between Chief Petty Officer from the Security Department and Chief Petty Officer in the Ninth Naval District, and apparently stemmed from precautions established at Great Lakes on April 6, 1968, to protect their utilities which, in turn, were instituted as a result of information from Naval authorities in Chicago, Illinois, to the effect that rioters were warning residents in disturbed areas to protect their supplies of food and water. Officials responsible had interpreted this to mean that the utilities might be attacked. Interested agencies were advised despite information that the matter was a rumor.

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[redacted] advised as of 8:15 PM, April 6, 1968, activity relatively quiet on west side, south side and near north side Negro neighborhoods. These areas remained extremely tense.

Numerous rumors were being received by the Chicago Police Department indicating possible arson attempts throughout Negro neighborhoods during the evening hours of April 8, 1968.

As of this time, [redacted] indicated the Joliet, Illinois area was quiet but considered extremely tense.

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The Aurora, Illinois, Police Department advised rumors were being received indicating Negro youths may attempt to create disturbance in Aurora during the evening hours of April 8, 1968.

On April 8, 1968, Ernest Davis, Negro male, date of birth August 8, 1945, was arrested by the Chicago Police Department wearing a military uniform at 6428 South Evans about noon. Davis' uniform consisted of a fatigue jacket bearing Second Armored Division patch, regulation shirt with Specialist Four insignia

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
MORNING EVENING APRIL 4 1968

fatigue pants and combat boots. Davis was charged with the illegal wearing of uniform statute by federal authorities. b(1)

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and [REDACTED] advised on April 8, 1968, that at 2:00 PM on this date approximately 300 students and faculty members, including approximately 30 Negroes, gathered at Scott Hall, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, and marched to Rebecca Crown Memorial Center, University administration offices. The student and faculty speakers demanded the following points from the administration:

1. University should issue a statement supporting a stronger Open Housing Bill for Evanston and send a representative to the Evanston City Council meeting today where instant bill was being discussed.
2. University should desegregate all its real estate holdings.
3. University should donate money to SCLC for Poor People's Commission as a memorial to Martin Luther, King, Jr.
4. University should issue a statement demanding a closure of Evanston businesses April 9, 1968.
5. University should force sorority and fraternities to desegregate immediately.

The source further advised that Dr. J. Roscoe Miller, President, Northwestern University, briefly addressed the gathering and indicated the University would look into the demands. Some demonstrators indicated that they would remain at the Administration Building until the University took action on the demands. There were no arrests or incidents reported.

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[REDACTED] that Fred
Hampton, President, Youth Council, West Suburban Chapter
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
(NAACP), Maywood, Illinois, held a meeting from 1:30 to 2:30 PM,
April 8, 1968, with about 50 to 60 teenagers and 20 adults
present. He called for disturbances and rock throwing to
begin at 8:30 to 9:00 PM, April 8, 1968, at the following
businesses:

Shell Gasoline Station
7th Avenue and Madison Street, Maywood

Tasty Freeze
12th Avenue and Madison Street, Maywood

Certified Grocery Store
No address, Madison Street, Maywood

After this, Hampton stated the group should break into and
loot the stores all along 5th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.

The source further stated that [REDACTED] b7(c)
age about 21, and three unidentified male Negroes, same age, put
up the signs in the Negro section of Maywood, April 8, 1968, stating
"If America Don't Come Around It Should be Burned Down," and
signs have the photograph of E. Rap Brown. The signs are printed
and are not handmade.

The Maywood Police Department and the Cook County
Sheriff's Office were advised.

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[REDACTED] that youth gang members indicate they are against
further violence and destruction in that area. This source noted
that business establishments bearing the sign "Soul Brother"
appeared to have been spared from burning and looting during the

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past three days. The source stated he believes the worst part of the disturbance is over, although minor incidents may continue for the next few days.

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[REDACTED] advised the NAACP has chartered four planes to leave Chicago for Atlanta. One is chartered with American Airlines and is to leave Chicago at 11:00 PM, April 8, 1968. Three were chartered with United Airlines, to leave approximately 4:00 AM, April 9, 1968. The NAACP has chartered two planes for Atlanta, one with TWA leaving 4:30 AM, April 9, 1968, and one with American Airlines, leaving 8:30 AM, April 9, 1968.

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[REDACTED] advised on April 8, 1968, that the Clark Oil Company Service Station, 507 East State Street, and the Dairy Queen Drive-In, 703 East State Street, Geneva, were set afire during the previous night by use of molotov cocktails. The Dairy Queen was totally destroyed. The service station received minor damage. One unknown subject fled on foot and no arrests were made as yet.

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[REDACTED] advised as of 8:45 PM, April 8, 1968, that 50 to 60 teenagers were observed marching south at 116th and Halsted. Shortly thereafter, reports of windows being broken were received in the area of 116th Street and Halsted. Police Units were sent to the scene to prevent further destruction.

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[REDACTED] advised students from Elmhurst College plan to march to the Elmhurst City Hall at 8:30 PM, April 8, 1968, and present a petition demanding an open housing law to the Mayor of Elmhurst. Plans call for a march and demonstration which are to be peaceful. A number of students are to participate and the leader's identity was unknown at that time.

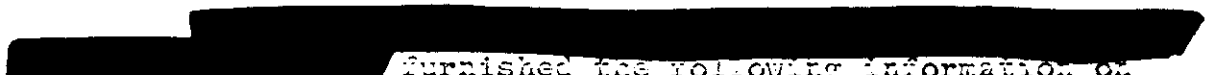
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RACIAL DISTURBANCES FOLLOWING
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KING, JR., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
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 of a rumor in the vicinity of 47th Street and Lake Park circulating that a disturbance was to occur "in the near future" and that the service station at that address would be "blown up". The source had no other details.

On April 6, 1968, a representative of the United States Attorney's Office, Chicago, furnished rumor information that four Amvets stores would be burned April 8, 1968, during the evening hours. The stores were located at 1519 West 63rd Street, 1217 East 63rd Street, 715 East 47th Street, and 64 East 51st Street.

 furnished the following information on April 6, 1968:

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Edward McCellan, Executive Director of the NAACP, has chartered American Airlines plane scheduled to depart from O'Hare Airport at 5:25 AM, April 9, 1968, en route to Atlanta, Georgia. Number of passengers was 74.

NAACP has chartered three United Airlines planes scheduled to depart from O'Hare Airport at 4:00 AM, 4:30 AM, and 5:00 AM, en route to Atlanta, Georgia, April 9, 1968. The number of passengers was not immediately available.

The SCLC has chartered Flight #0523 from TWA Airlines, scheduled to depart O'Hare Airport 4:30 AM, April 9, 1968, to Atlanta, Georgia, returning to O'Hare 6:25 PM, April 9, 1968. 95 passengers have reservations for this flight.

Southern Fellowship Christian Organization chartered three Greyhound Buses carrying 36 passengers in each, which departed Chicago 3:30 PM, April 8, 1968, scheduled to arrive in Atlanta, Georgia, 8:30 AM, April 9, 1968. Buses are scheduled to leave Atlanta 6:00 PM, April 9, 1968, and arrive in Chicago 10:00 AM, April 10, 1968.

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INFORMAL DISSEMINATIONS CONCERNING
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
SCHEDULED DURING APRIL 4, 1968

The Esauonical Institute, 3444 West Congress Parkway, chartered one Greyhound Bus carrying 35 passengers, which departed Chicago 12 noon, April 8, 1968, scheduled to arrive in Atlanta, Georgia, 7:00 AM, April 9, 1968. Return is scheduled to leave Atlanta 5:00 AM, April 10, 1968, to arrive in Chicago 9:00 PM, April 10, 1968.

Melvin Bryan, Associate with Kingdom of God Church, Chicago, Illinois, chartered two Checkerway Charter Coach Buses carrying 41 passengers in each bus. Departure was 5:30 PM, April 8, 1968. Scheduled to arrive 9:00 AM, April 9, 1968, in Atlanta. Buses are scheduled to depart Atlanta 4:00 PM, April 9, 1968.

One Silver City Coach Line Bus departed Chicago 4:00 PM April 8, 1968, carrying 30 passengers in each, en route to Atlanta, Georgia. The passengers were to attend funeral of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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National Mobilization Committee, militant anti-war, is sponsoring a memorial service for Martin Luther King, Jr., Chicago, Illinois, at 2:00 PM, April 9, 1968. It is to estimate the potential size of the

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Some students for a Democratic Society (SDS) in Chicago were heavily supporting this memorial service.

W. A. Kueg, IICSA MI Group, Evanston, Illinois, advised on April 8, 1968, that information was received from a ham radio operator, John Schumaker, 738 Greenleaf, Glenview, Illinois, that he overheard an individual, identifying himself as Mike Spiegel, an FBI officer, in radio communication with an unidentified individual in Havana, Cuba, on April 8, 1968. Spiegel stated on April 8, 1968, "FBI will have between 3,000 and 4,000 individuals march on the armory." Mike Spiegel is a national staff member of SDS.

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INCIDENT DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWING
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KING, JR., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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Copies of this memorandum are being furnished
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Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th MI Group
Evanston, Illinois

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-111181) (100-439043)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: CHANGED
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 TO END THE WAR IN VIET NAM
 INFORMATION CONCERNING
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 Cg File 100-44380

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 DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)
 INTERNAL SECURITY - SDS
 Cg File 100-40903

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 LUTHER KING, JR.
 Cg File 100-35886
 RM

Title marked changed to reflect the addition of SDS to the title as it was one of the sponsoring organizations of the memorial service for MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Title formerly carried as "NATIONAL MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE TO END THE WAR IN VIET NAM" INFORMATION CONCERNING INTERNAL SECURITY" and "ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM".

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 18 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Copies of the enclosed LHM are being furnished locally to the United States Attorney, Chicago; United States Secret Service, Chicago; and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

The names of individuals and organizations mentioned in the enclosed LHM on whom subversive characterizations were not included were searched through indices of the Chicago Division and indices were either negative or there was insufficient information available from which subversive characterizations could be constructed. Chicago Division has a pending investigation regarding

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Special Agents of the FBI who observed memorial service for MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., on April 9, 1968, were SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
April 12, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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100-35356

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that David Dellinger and Rennie Davis, national anti-war leaders issued the following call on April 5, 1968, for national strike for April 8, 1968, in support of Martin Luther King and the liberation of Black Americans:

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"Martin Luther King is dead, but millions of black people continue to suffer poverty, police brutality and racism. Dr. King gave his life in order that these injustices might be eradicated forever. We believe now is the time to commit ourselves to carry out the program that Dr. King began. The National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Viet Nam, Students for a Democratic Society, will call for national work stoppage in which all those who are determined to support black liberation will stay away from work and classes and attend meetings of grief and determination in the streets. In this spirit we have proposed a national strike for Monday, April 8, 1968, as the first step in a campaign to wipe out poverty and racism. We have already received an enthusiastic response from our members in trade unions, in the high

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schools and colleges and in the anti-war movement generally. We hope that the work stoppage will be taken upon by many unions and other organizations so it can be effectively implemented."

For more information, call Rennie Davis of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Viet Nam, phone 939-2666.

Characterization of SDS is attached hereto.

David Dellinger

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the Militant Labor Forum (MLF) had sponsored a symposium on May 10, 1963, in New York City. The first speaker was David Dellinger, Editor of "Liberation" magazine, who identified himself as a pacifist. He stated that it was necessary to abolish the cause of war, which is capitalism. He advocated a communist society and stated, "I am a communist", but pointed out that he was not a Soviet-type communist.

A characterization of the MLF is attached hereto.

Rennie Davis

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advised that Rennie Davis, whose true name is Rennard
Cardon Davis, attended the 1963 National Convention of
SDS as a member of the Illinois Chapter of that organization.
At the convention Davis was elected to the National Executive
Council of SDS. The letterhead on SDS stationery listed
Rennie Davis as Director of Economic Research and Action
Project of SDS.

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Rennie Davis, a leader of JOIN Community Union, formerly known as
Jobs Or Income Now, a community action group of SDS, b(1)
made a trip to Hanoi, North Viet Nam, in the fall of
1967, at which time he met with representatives of the
National Liberation Front.

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that Rennie Davis, leader of the National Mobilization
Committee to End the War in Viet Nam, an anti-war organi-
zation, had canceled the national strike scheduled for
April 8, 1968, in favor of a memorial service for Martin
Luther King, Jr., at the bandstand, Grant Park, Chicago,
Illinois, at 2:00 p.m. on April 9, 1968.

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[REDACTED] furnished the same
information as above, but, in addition, advised that
the memorial service was to be jointly sponsored by the
National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Viet
Nam and SDS.

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On April 9, 1968, Special Agents of the FBI observed a memorial service for Martin Luther King, Jr., held at the bandstand located in Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois. The service was scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m., but, due to the late arrival of several speakers, the service did not start until approximately 2:30 p.m. People started gathering at the bandstand at 1:30 p.m. At the time the service began there were approximately 400 individuals in the audience, which included about 50 Negroes. There was no indication as to the sponsor of the memorial service; the stated purpose of the service was to honor the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Included among the speakers were Staughton Lynd and Mike Spiegel, introduced as National Secretary of SDS.

Staughton Lynd

The April 18, 1967, edition of the "Chicago Daily News", a daily Chicago newspaper, described Lynd as a Yale University professor and violent protestor against the Viet Nam war.

The article stated that Lynd had taken an unauthorized "peace mission" trip to Hanoi, North Viet Nam, during 1966 as a result of which he temporarily lost his United States passport.

Further, the "Chicago Sun-Times", a daily Chicago

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newspaper, edition of March 27, 1966, contained an article relating to an anti-Viet Nam war affair held early in March, 1966, in Chicago. Lynd was in Chicago to participate in this affair and reportedly stated while here that he had recently applied for membership in the W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America.

In August, 1953, Lynd was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. At that time he stated he had never been a Communist Party member, but did state that in the fall of 1946 he had joined the American Youth for Democracy. He had disaffiliated himself from this group in June, 1967. During the interview, Lynd had stated that while at Harvard University in 1947 and 1948, he had been a member of the John Reed Group, having served as club secretary for approximately one year at this time. The American Youth for Democracy has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A characterization of the W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs, both local and national, as well as a characterization of the John Reed Club, is attached hereto.

Spiegel stated that Martin Luther King, Jr., was a champion of civil rights and his death would not destroy the civil rights movement, but, he believed, would give it more impetus.

Staughton Lynd spoke of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s

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views concerning the war in Viet Nam. Lynd compared the war in Viet Nam to the liberation of the black community. He called for the immediate withdrawal of troops from Viet Nam and the black community. He also called for the right of self-determination for the Vietnamese people and the black community. Lynd stated that the anti-war slogan should be changed from "Hell no--we won't go" to "Hell no, we won't go to Viet Nam or go into black communities to kill our black brothers".

Other speakers talked of their association with Martin Luther King, Jr., of police brutality tactics utilized by the police and National Guardsmen stationed in the ghetto area during recent rioting in Chicago. Another individual claimed excessive bails had been set for those jailed during the riots and urged the audience to contribute to their aid through the United Legal Bail Bond Appeal, 7932 South Yale Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The Chicago "Sun-Times", a Chicago daily newspaper, in its issue of April 10, 1963, on page 30, contained an article captioned "Thousands Honor King Here". In part, the article stated the rally was sponsored by the Ad Hoc Committee for the Memorial to Doctor Martin Luther King, a group composed of various civil rights and peace groups which included SDS. b11/

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service hoped to gather support for a march on the Chicago Avenue Armory, headquarters for troops keeping order in Chicago.

Special Agents of the FBI observed the service end at approximately 4:15 p.m. People dispersed in all directions in groups of two and three. No march to the armory took place.

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advised on April 9, 1968, that Vernon W. Urban, Jr., was arrested as he departed from the memorial service at approximately 4:20 p.m. and was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. He was scheduled for court appearance on April 23, 1968.

Vernon W. Urban, Jr.

The University of Missouri campus newspaper, "The Miner", for February 8, 1967, carried an article which reported Vernon Urban was elected to the position of off-campus vice-chairman of SDS during a meeting of that organization held in Columbia, Missouri, the previous week.

The following individuals were notified of the above:

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John Sim
Assistant United States Attorney
Chicago, Illinois

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118th Military Intelligence Group
Evanston, Illinois

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam and to "radically transform" the university community and provide for its complete control by students. GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of April 18, 1967, was located in Room 203, 1603 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIALIST FORUM, also
known as Socialist Labor Party

In May, 1967, a source advised that the Forum is a paper organization set up by the Chicago Branch, Socialist Workers Party (CWSWP), Chicago, Illinois, for Socialist Workers Party (SWP) members and sympathizers. Open meetings held under the auspices of this Forum are geared to the activities that the SWP is pursuing at a particular time, e.g., unemployment, election campaign, Cuba, segregation, etc.

A CWSWP member is in charge of the Forum and schedules meetings under the name of the Forum in order to conceal the SWP sponsorship of same. The meetings of the Forum generally are held at Chicago SWP headquarters although the Forum, in the past, has sponsored other affairs, such as meetings, rallies and parties held at other locations.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 12450.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE MORGAN, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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WHITE WOMEN'S CLUBS
OF CHICAGO - DCC

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of 100 or more people who attended the founding convention of the W.P.S. Women's Clubs of America (WCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national WCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that WCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost non-existent.

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JOHN REED CLUBS OF THE UNITED STATES

1. Cited as organizations "whose affiliation with the Communist Party is clear beyond dispute."

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report, House Report 1476, January 3, 1940, p.10.)

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April 12, 1968

[Redacted]

Kannapolis, North Carolina 28081

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter was received on April 9th.

As you may know, the FBI derives its responsibilities from Congressional enactments, Presidential Directives and special orders of the Attorney General. At the specific request of the Attorney General, the FBI instituted an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the slaying of Martin Luther King.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Kannapolis, North Carolina
Palm Sunday 1968

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
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Sir:

The Associated Press quotes Attorney General Ramsey Clark as saying that FBI Agents are cooperating with the Memphis Police Department and other state and municipal law enforcement organizations in the noble search for some hapless soul on whom vengeance may be wreaked for the Thursday slaying of Nobel Peace laureate Martin Luther King.

Presuming that this one of the few occasions upon which Clark knows what he is talking about, I must ask what legal authority the FBI has to enter a homicide case which has no relevance to national security and did not, as far as anyone knows, entail any violation of the Federal laws of which the Federal Bureau of Investigation is charged with enforcement.

Your record, sir, demands the conclusion that you would have to be overruled before FBI Agents could exceed their legitimate authority and jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 3-28-68

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT:

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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On 3-23-68, captioned individual visited FBI Headquarters and was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] of this Division.

[redacted] advised that his home was originally Danville, Virginia, and that he had just received a call from a relative there indicating that a Mrs. Julia Brown of Cleveland, Ohio, would be speaking in Danville 3-27-68. [redacted] further advised that one of the Danville newspapers carried an advertisement regarding this appearance wherein Mrs. Brown claimed to be a former employee of the FBI, whose duties had been to investigate Dr. Martin Luther King, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and other civil rights groups relative to the existence of communist influence. [redacted] made clear that he was here as a private citizen and wished to know if this woman was ever an employee of the FBI and if so, was she engaged in the above-mentioned activities.

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[redacted] was advised that a Mrs. Julia Brown, who is well known to the Bureau, furnished information on subversive activities on a confidential basis to the FBI from 1951 to 1960. [redacted] was also told that while she was not an employee of the Bureau, she was compensated for her services. [redacted] was also told that aside from this, we could not comment further concerning her.

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[redacted] appeared satisfied with this answer and the interviewing Agent for providing him with this information.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

[redacted] was the subject of a White House name check in 1967 and no derogatory information regarding him was found. (62-5-29175)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

CRIME RESEARCH

1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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April 16, 1968

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[Redacted]

Sunbury, Ohio 43074

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of April 10th and certainly appreciate your favorable remarks concerning my administration of the FBI.

In response to your request, while I would very much like to be of assistance, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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APR 16 1968
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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- Mr. Casper
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- Mr. Conrad
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April 19, 1968

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Our country has just yesterday witnessed the buring of Dr. Martin Luther King, a renowned minister of the Gospel, a very prominent and able clergyman, recognized by many if not all of our many religious faiths, and also a very influential leader in the Civil Rights Movement, especially in the non-violence area.

However, as I make the following request it may be that such a request is entirely out of reason with the principles of the organization of which you are its able Director.

I have heard that this man has had leanings, been related to various communists front organizations and that such is on record in your files.

It seems incredible to me, Mr. Hoover, that a man with such strong influences in many areas of concern in our America, first within the pulpit of our American churches, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, etc, are possible.

Please, I am not requesting such information which is not in keeping with the works of sharing with the general public, but just a simple yes or no, as to the possibility of such hearings.

Therefore, if it possible that you can share in this particular and possible unusual request, I would deeply appreciate it.

Thanking you sincerely for sharing as you deem it wise and also for your interest in our total betterment of our America, I am

b7(c) Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature]

WMC: [unclear]
4-16-68

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APR 18 1968
CORRESPONDENCE

EXP-PROC
APR 12 1968

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: April 7, 1968

FROM : A. B. Eddy

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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DATE 2-9-97 BY SP4
6076 JMT/TC

ELKBRIDGE, MARYLAND
INFORMATION CONCERNING - GOVERNMENT INFORMING BALTIMORE
PUBLIC REGARDING TOPICS OF UNREST

Tolson
DeLoach
Mohr
Bishop
Casper
Callahan
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At 2:30 p.m., on 4/7/68, an individual who identified herself as [REDACTED] Elkridge, Maryland, telephone number [REDACTED] contacted the Bureau and telephonically spoke with Extra-Duty Supervisor [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Housewife, called to advise of a rumor circulating in the Baltimore, Maryland, area and to state she does not believe Federal authorities are telling the public the complete truth pertaining to riot developments nationally. She stated specifically that according to her husband, who is a telephone company employee, Baltimore attorneys, identities not known, stated Director Hoover has a file on Reverend Martin Luther King, which indicates he was pro-communist. The caller stated that if this was true the information should be made public. She further stated she is of the opinion these riots have been preplanned and put into operation by subversive individuals and groups, identities unknown, and that President Johnson is not informing the public of the riots. She related she may wire the President and the Attorney General her views.

The caller was advised that the information in FBI files is confidential and no comment could be made.

Bureau indices negative regarding [REDACTED]

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1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Eddy
1 - Mr. Bledsoe

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Date: 4/8/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

76-217

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL), ATLANTA AND MILWAUKEE
FROM CLEVELAND (157-293)
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING; SM - C.

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RE CLEVELAND TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, DETROIT AND MEMPHIS,
APRIL SIX LAST, AND CLEVELAND TEL TO BUREAU, BALTIMORE AND
BOSTON, APRIL SEVEN LAST.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED
THAT THE TWO GREYHOUND BUSES CHARTERED AT CLEVELAND, OHIO TO
DEPART CLEVELAND TWELVE ZERO ONE A.M., APRIL EIGHT INSTANT FOR
ATLANTA FOR REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S FUNERAL HAD BEEN
CANCELLED AS ONLY FIFTEEN PEOPLE SIGNED UP. THESE FIFTEEN WERE
SENT VIA REGULAR GREYHOUND SERVICE TO ATLANTA.

THE OTHER CHARTERED BUSES NAMELY THE TWELVE FROM DETROIT,
TWO FROM BOSTON AND ONE FROM WILMINGTON, DEL., AS SET FORTH IN
RETELS ARE TO MAKE THE TRIP TO ATLANTA FOR THE FUNERAL AS
SCHEDULED.

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[REDACTED] ALSO LEARNED FIVE GREYHOUND CHARTERED BUSES WERE
TO LEAVE ST. BONIFACE CHURCH, MILWAUKEE, WISC., AT TWO THIRTY

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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[Signature]
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P.M., APRIL EIGHT INSTANT, FOR KING FUNERAL IN ATLANTA WITH
THE RETURN TRIP SCHEDULED FOR A SIX P.M., APRIL NINE NEXT
DEPARTURE OUT OF ATLANTA.

THE ABOVE SUBMITTED FOR INFO OF MILWAUKEE AND ATLANTA.

LHM RE BUS CHARTERING WILL BE SUBMITTED APRIL NINE NEXT.

END.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

11-000000-35000

TO: The Director

DATE: 4/1/58

FROM: N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

[Faint, mostly illegible typed text, likely the body of a memorandum]

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Enclosed is a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record, which was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in the appropriate file or subject matter files.

59 APR 30 1958

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 4-9-68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

This Record is replete with eulogies to Dr. Martin Luther King, none of which are set forth in this memorandum inasmuch as they contain no references to the FBI.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 4-9-68 was reviewed and pertinent items were made for the Bureau's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Date: 4/10/68

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Via PLAIN **CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY SP4 JMM**
REASON FOR EXTENSION 2 (Priority)

DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 4-10-88
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-89)
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-9115) (P)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY
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(OO: NEW YORK)

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Re Pittsburgh teletype to the Bureau and Chicago dated 4/3/68.

Enclosed are 6 copies for the Bureau and 2 copies each to Chicago and New York of a LHM dated and captioned as above.

Copies of this airtel and LHM are not being disseminated for files of individuals mentioned therein as dissemination of source's written statement will be made to these files.

LHM classified "Confidential" since data reported from sources could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

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Sources utilized in LHM are:

- First Source: PG 153-S PG 134-438A
- 3 - Bureau (Enc 1) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago (100-33753) (Enc 2) (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-89590) (Enc 2) (RM)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

April 10, 1968

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) DATE 12/24/77 ess/

COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY

[REDACTED]

an industrial conference of the Communist Party - USA (CP) was held at the Young Men's Christian Association, Wabash Street, Chicago, Illinois. Among the approximately 110 individuals in attendance at the conference there were such CP notables as Gus Hall, Claude Lightfoot, George Meyers, George Morris, James West, Carl Winter and Daniel Rubin.

The June 28, 1966, issue of "The Worker," an east coast Communist newspaper, reported that Gus Hall had been elected General Secretary of the CP at its 18th National Convention, New York City, June 22-26, 1966.

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COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
ACTIVITY IN INDUSTRY

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gave the first report at the conference. ^{MEYERS} George Morris' report consisted of a run-down on the current labor situation and political climate in the United States as viewed by the CP. He stated that in general things were "coming to a head" in the rioting by the Negroes and in the deficit money situation in which the country now found itself. He pointed out that George Meany, President of AFL-CIO, was now in a dilemma as Meany had thrown his support to President Johnson who had announced that he would not run as a candidate for re-election.

Following ^{MEYERS} Morris' report, the conference continued in the form of discussions by the various delegates. These delegates discussed the labor situations in their respective unions and their particular approaches to the problems encountered.

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COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY

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Carl Winter gave a report on the new Marxist daily newspaper, "The Daily World," following the above discussions. Winter stated that the most modern printing equipment and the latest newspaper techniques and services would be utilized in the publication of this newspaper. Winter noted that half a million dollars had been received in donations by the newspaper whose publication date of May 1, 1968, had been delayed because of some difficulty with the wire services.

The highlight of the second day of the conference was a speech by Gus Hall. Hall spoke concerning the crises in the United States, namely the rioting in the cities, the loss of faith in the dollar and the controversy over the war in Vietnam. He stated that in effect the ruling class had "dumped" President Johnson who had come to the conclusion that he could not win if he ran for re-election.

Hall characterized the CP as a working-class party. He urged those in attendance at the conference to return to their respective areas and work toward making this a reality. Hall noted that the time was right for CP members to speak out on the issues confronting the nation today.

Hall stated that the CP had already issued a leaflet pertaining to the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the nationally known civil rights leader who was assassinated at Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. Hall stated that about a thousand of these leaflets had been distributed by the CP in the Chicago area. Hall urged delegates to get a supply of these leaflets for distribution in their respective areas.

^c [REDACTED] the principal points stressed at the conference were: 1. Work toward the success of "The Daily World" and 2. Work toward making the CP a working-class Party. b(1)

Proposals passed at the conference included sending the family of the late Reverend Dr. King a letter of condolence and furnishing the newsmedia the details of proceedings of the conference.

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COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
ACTIVITY IN THE SOUTH

The prearranged program for conference was not followed, as a good proportion of conference pertained to the assassination of the Reverend Dr. King and the racial riots in the cities across the country following his death. The conference was adjourned early in view of the rioting so that delegates could return to their homes without violating curfews then in effect in certain cities.

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EX-115

100-106670-3305

April 17, 1968

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[Redacted]

Centerville, Ohio 45459

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of April 10th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I did make the statement in a press conference on November 18, 1964, that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

With respect to your other question, information in our files must remain confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.

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[Redacted]
Centerville, O. 45459

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Dept. of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a housewife and mother of 2 children. I try to keep myself informed on the world situation and the situation here in the U.S. Yesterday I watched the entire funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. After watching it I came away more confused about the man than prior to the funeral. As I listened to all the speeches about the kind of person he was and what he wanted to do, I began to feel a little sad about what I thought he was. I am still confused.

I never in all the time I heard him speak thought of him as being a peaceloving person. His manner of speaking, the words he spoke, and the feeling he put across to me were not especially non-violent. And now some of the very people who criticized him are now praising him as the greatest peacemaker of these times. It was my feeling that he was trying to tear the U.S. apart using the black peoples' grievances as his tool. If he was so much for peace, then why did he predict such a negative atmosphere that every summer the U.S. will have riots? I don't understand what he was really trying to do.

EX-115 REC-68 100-106670-330

If I remember correctly you said something to the effect one time that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was the most notorious liar in the country. That has been on my mind also. Could you please explain that statement a little? It's hard to believe that he would have had the nerve to trick and fool his race into destroying their own country, and use the pulpit of Christianity to stand behind. Please give me an answer as to your opinion of him, and what he was really trying to accomplish.

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CORRESPONDENT

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Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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Date: 4/8/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL), ATLANTA, CHICAGO AND NEW YORK
FROM CLEVELAND (157-293)

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING; SM - C.

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ADVISED APRIL EIGHT INSTANT THAT HE HAD LEARNED THE FOLLOWING
ADDITIONAL BUSES HAD BEEN CHARTERED FROM GREYHOUND TO TRAVEL TO
ATLANTA, GEORGIA, TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING
ON APRIL NINE NEXT.

ONE BUS CHARTERED BY THE CITY WIDE WELFARE GROUP, NEW
YORK CITY, SCHEDULED TO LEAVE NEW YORK NINE THIRTY A.M., APRIL
EIGHT INSTANT, RETURN TRIP LEAVE ATLANTA FIVE P.M., APRIL NINE
NEXT.

ONE BUS CHARTERED BY MR. SIMMS, ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE,
CHICAGO, TO LEAVE CHICAGO TWELVE NOON, APRIL EIGHT INSTANT,
RETURN TRIP DEPART ATLANTA FIVE A.M. APRIL TEN NEXT.

THREE BUSES CHARTERED BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE, CHICAGO, TO LEAVE CHICAGO THREE P.M., APRIL EIGHT
INSTANT, RETURN TRIP DEPART ATLANTA SIX P.M., APRIL NINE NEXT.

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Approved: *[Signature]*
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Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM ATLANTA 157-3094

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H.C. Moore

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. *RM. RACIAL MATTERS*

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ADVISED APR. EIGHT LAST,

HE UNDERSTANDS SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAD SEVERAL
TELEPHONES INSTALLED IN THE ~~WEST HUNTER BAPTIST CHURCH~~
CHESTNUT AND HUNTER STS., ATLANTA, GA. THIS IS A NEGRO

5-T [REDACTED]

BAPTIST CHURCH AND ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] INFO THE

TELEPHONES WERE INSTALLED TWO OR THREE DAYS AGO. KENNEDY

ALLEGEDLY INSTALLED PHONES FOR USE OF KING FAMILY, RELATIVES

AND FRIENDS, AND MEMBERS OF ~~SOCS~~ *SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE* FOR THEIR CONVENIENCE IN

HANDLING FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS AND THE ~~CROWD~~ *CROWD* EXPECTED TO BE

IN ATLANTA FOR KING'S FUNERAL. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

REC-4 100-106670-332

INFO, THE TEMPORARY HQS. IN THE ~~HUNTER BAPTIST CHURCH~~ IS

STAFFED BY PEOPLE EMPLOYED BY SENATOR KENNEDY.

11 APR 16 1968

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GFH

CC- MR. SULLIVAN

APR 11 1968

MR DELCACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

77-51557

FBI

Date: 4/9/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: Director, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, Cleveland (157-293)

MARTIN LUTHER KING
SM - C

OO: Atlanta

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DATE 12-3-79 BY 5180 RCB/jg

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Re Cleveland tel to the Bureau, Atlanta, Detroit and Memphis, 4/6/68; Cleveland tel to the Bureau, Baltimore and Boston, 4/7/68; Cleveland tel to the Bureau, Atlanta and Milwaukee, 4/8/68; Cleveland tel to the Bureau, Atlanta, Chicago and New York, 4/8/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination; copies are also being sent to Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Memphis, Milwaukee and New York. In addition, copies are being sent to Secret Service, Cleveland, Ohio, and local military intelligence agencies.

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- 2 - Cleveland

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(21) AGENCY: ACSI, ~~OSI~~, OSI; SEC. SER:

DATE FORW: _____ RAO JOTA

HOW FORW: _____

BY: _____

[Handwritten: C.C. Bishop]

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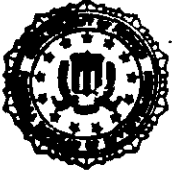
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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cleveland, Ohio

April 9, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

MARTIN LUTHER KING

On April 4, 1968, Reverend Martin Luther King was assassinated at Memphis, Tennessee, and his funeral was scheduled to be held on April 9, 1968, at Atlanta, Georgia.

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[REDACTED] learned that twelve buses had been chartered in Detroit, Michigan, in the name of Robert Kendall, scheduled to leave from Great Lakes Mutual, Woodward Avenue, Detroit, at 5:00 PM, April 8, 1968, and arrive at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, at 9:15 AM, April 9, 1968. The people making this trip reportedly were to attend the funeral of Reverend Martin Luther King on April 9, 1968, and then the buses would depart Atlanta at 5:00 PM, April 9, 1968, for the return trip to Detroit. b7(D)

[REDACTED] also learned that Public Employees District Council 77, Detroit, had chartered one bus scheduled to leave Detroit, April 7, 1968, for Clayborn Temple, Memphis, Tennessee, and return April 9, 1968. [REDACTED] had no further details regarding this and did not know if it was in connection with the death of Reverend King.

[REDACTED] also advised that the Inner City Christian Council, Cleveland, Ohio, had chartered two buses scheduled to leave Cleveland, 12:01 AM, April 8, 1968, for Atlanta, Georgia, for the funeral and leave Atlanta for the return trip at 6:00 PM, April 9, 1968. This group made a \$100 deposit and was attempting to fill additional buses.

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100-106610 - 3322

Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Wilmington, Delaware, had chartered one Greyhound bus to depart Wilmington, 6:00 AM, April 8, 1968, for Atlanta, Georgia; also two buses were chartered at Boston, Massachusetts, by Radio Station WILD to depart Boston at 9:00 AM, April 8, 1968, to attend the funeral of Reverend King in Atlanta.

[REDACTED] was recontacted regarding any additional charter service to Atlanta to attend Reverend King's funeral on April 9, 1968. [REDACTED] mentioned that the following additions and changes had been made in the chartering of Greyhound buses for the funeral:

- (1) Twelve buses from Detroit in name of Robert Kendall -- No changes.
- (2) One bus from Detroit in name of Public Employees District Council 77 -- No change.
- (3) Two buses were originally chartered by Radio Station WILD, Boston, but this was changed to one bus to make the Atlanta trip.
- (4) One bus chartered by NAACP, Wilmington -- No change.
- (5) Two buses were chartered by the Inner City Christian Council, Cleveland, for the trip but both were cancelled as only fifteen people signed up and these people made the trip on regular Greyhound service to Atlanta.
- (6) One bus was chartered by the City Wide Welfare Group, New York City, New York, scheduled to leave New York, 9:30 AM, April 8, 1968; return trip - leave Atlanta, 5:00 PM, April 9, 1968.
- (7) One bus was chartered by Mr. Simms, Ecumenical Institute, Chicago, Illinois, scheduled to depart Chicago, 12:00 noon, April 8, 1968; return trip - leave Atlanta, Wednesday, April 10, 1968, at 5:00 AM.

Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING

- (8) Three buses were chartered by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Chicago, Illinois, leaving Chicago, 3:00 PM, April 8, 1968; return trip - leave Atlanta, 6:00 PM, April 9, 1968.
- (9) [REDACTED] also learned that the Central United States Control area of Greyhound notified his office that five chartered Greyhound buses would leave St. Boniface Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at 2:30 PM, April 8, 1968, en route to Atlanta and would be going through the Greyhound Eastern Control Division. These five buses would depart Atlanta at 6:00 PM, April 9, 1968, for the return trip.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

April 12, 1968

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This letter was returned
by Senator's office. See
outgoing Bufile 100-106677-3321
4/23/68
J. Edgar Hoover

Honorable B. Everett Jordan
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

My dear Senator:

Assistant to the Director DeLoach has shown me your communication of April 10th enclosing correspondence relating to requests you have received for the release of information from FBI files concerning Martin Luther King.

While I would like to be of assistance to your constituents, data in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of help.

The enclosures you forwarded are being returned as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (8)

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NOTE: We have enjoyed cordial relations with Senator Jordan. Enclosures included five telegrams and two letters from various constituents in North Carolina. Bufiles contain no information identifiable with any of these constituents.

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United States Senate

April 10, 1968

Respectfully referred to

.....
Mr. Cartha D. DeLoach

for such consideration as the communication
herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report
thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of
inclosure.

By direction of

B. Everett Jordan
B. Everett Jordan J. S. S.

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B. EVERETT JORDAN
NORTH CAROLINA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 10, 1968


Wilmington, North Carolina

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Dear 

Thank you for your April 9 letter urging immediate release by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of information in its files on the background of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as on forces backing past racial disorders.

I am forwarding your letter on this issue to the FBI, together with others received on the same subject, with a request for review and comment. As soon as I have a response, I will be sure to send you a copy of it.

Meanwhile, with all best regards,

Sincerely,

B. Everett Jordan, USS

BEJ:pjh

bcc: Mr. Cartha D. DeLoach

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

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April 8, 1968

Honorable B. Everette Jordan
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator:

Imperative that the FBI report on Martin Luther King and Racial Order be released.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

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April 9, 1968

Wilmington, N. C.

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Sen. B. Everett Jordan
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

During these days of crises, our citizens are becoming more and more alarmed with lawlessness and civil disobedience.

About three weeks ago Sen. Strom Thurmond urged that the official report from the F.B.I. on Dr. Martin Luther King be made public. I should like to urge you as an official representative from this state to support this move and that the American people be informed about the real Martin Luther King. As a public servant I believe you to be interested in the welfare of this nation.

I should also like to urge you that the report on racial disorders from the F.B.I. be made public. I realize that it is important that certain information be withheld at certain times, but what could be more important than publicly exposing those who are subtly destroying this nation of ours with a false front of non-violence.

I would like to know your views concerning these matters and trust that you will urge this information be made public to the American people at once.

Respectfully yours,

[Redacted signature]

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DL - Day Letter
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B EVERETT JORDON

US SENATE WASHDC

PLEASE, NO MORE CIVIL RITES LEGISLATION NEEDED NOW INSTEAD,
REQUEST JUSTICE DEPT TO OPEN FILES ON MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

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SENATOR B EVERETTE JORDAN

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IMPERATIVE YOU INSIST FBI REPORT ON M L KING AND RACIAL DISORDER
BE RELEASED AT ONCE

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SENATE OFFICE BLDG WASHDC

REQUEST YOU EXERT YOUR UTMOST INFLUENCES TO HAVE THE FBI PUBLICLY
EXPOSE THE RECORD OF THE ACTIVITIES OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR
IMMEDIATELY

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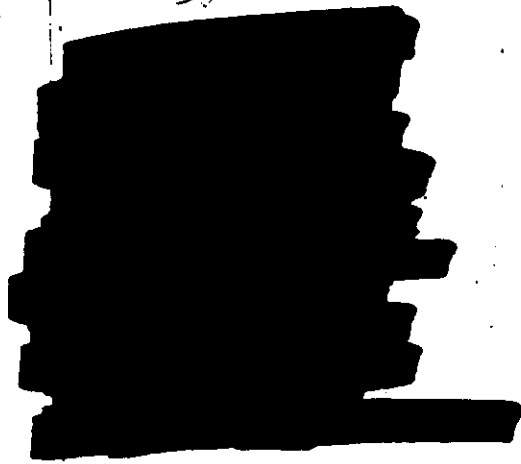
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SENATOR B EVERETT JORDAN

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SENATE OFFICE BLDG WASHDC

REQUEST YOU EXERT YOUR UTMOST INFLUENCE TO HAVE THE FBI PUBLICLY EXPOSE THE RECORD OF THE ACTIVITIES OF MARTIN LUTHER KING IMMEDIATELY



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SENATOR B EVERETT JORDAN

NEW SENATE OFFICE BLDG WASHDC

IMPERATIVE YOU INSIST FBI REPORT ON M L KING AND RACIAL DISORDER
BE RELEASED AT ONCE

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April 15, 1968

Honorable Jackson E. Betts
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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DATE 2-9-81 BY SP4 JAM/ML

My dear Congressman:

I have received your communication of April 11th,
enclosing an inquiry from [redacted] concerning the
release of information from FBI files regarding Martin Luther
King.

[redacted] has written me a similar letter and
I am enclosing a copy of my reply to him. I am also returning
his letter to you as you requested.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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APR 15 1968
COMM-FBI

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Congressman Betts is on the Special Correspondents List.
[redacted] by letter dated 4-9-68 made identical inquiries of
the Bureau as he did with the Congressman, and we replied by outgoing
4/15/68.

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

April 11 1968

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pa. Ave. N. W.
Washington, D. C.
Sir:

Proctor Luster
O'King Jr

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
ply, returning the enclosed corre-
spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

Jackson E. Betts
Jackson E. Betts M. C.

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[REDACTED]
Mansfield, Oh 44903
April 9, 1968

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Congressman Jackson Betts
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

The other day I heard a broadcast by Paul Harvey
on radio station WMAN in Mansfield.

He cautioned people that they should contact their
congressman, and that the representative should in turn
contact the F.B.I., before the communities follow through
with plans to rename streets and public buildings after
Martin Luther King.

Why? Why the congress and the F.B.I.? Is there
something to be revealed?

Will you please tell what you know on this subject?
Is there some reason why such renaming should not go on
in your opinion, or in the opinion of the Federal Bureau
of Investigation?

It is important for me to know what this means.
May I please have your complete answer as quickly as
possible.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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J EDGAR HOOVER PERSONALLY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHDC

I URGE IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS TO YOU A PATRIOTIC AMERICAN

TO PUT YOUR COUNTRY'S WELFARE ABOVE PERSONAL POLITICAL SAFETY

AND RELEASE AT ONCE THE FULL EX-115 REPEAT 60-146670-3319 FILE ON MARTIN

REC-40 LUTHER KING JR HIS ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS TO THE AMERICAN

PEOPLE

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(1) CC Mr. Bishop

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Tell me directly

CC- MR. SULLIVAN
70 APR 10 1968

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 4-1-68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 83597-83600. Senator Byrd, (D) West Virginia, spoke concerning the recent riot in Memphis and the march on Washington planned by Martin Luther King and stated "If this self-seeking rabble-rouser is allowed to go through with his plans here, Washington may well be treated to the same kind of violence, destruction, looting, and bloodshed. - - - I have previously urged, in discussing this matter with the Justice Department, that the Federal Government seek a court order to enjoin Martin Luther King and his pulpiless parsons from carrying out their planned poor people's campaign in the Nation's Capital. - - - It is time for our Federal Government--which in recent years has shown itself to be virtually spineless when it comes to standing up against the lawbreakers, the hoodlums, and the Marxist demonstrators--at least to let the Nation know, in no uncertain terms, that it will not allow this Nobel Peace Prize winner to create another Memphis in the city which serves as the seat of the Government of the United States." Mr. Byrd included several articles with his remarks. Senator Stennis, (D) Mississippi, also commented on this matter and stated "What happened in Memphis clearly shows that the best policy for Washington officials to follow is to stop the marchers at the city limits, allowing a small number of them and their leader, who presumably will be Dr. Martin Luther King, who also led the Memphis march, to come in and speak and otherwise present their case in an orderly manner and, thus, symbolically represent all the other would-be participants. - - - This is another case in which the Government must have the will to act. The government authorities responsible for keeping peace and order must act firmly and promptly."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 2-29-68 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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[Redacted]

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Cedar Falls, Iowa
9 April 1967

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director Federal Bureau of
Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

Did you say in 1964 that Martin Luther King was
the "most notorious liar in the country?" And if you did, what
led you to make this remark?

It is hard for me to believe how the American
people have reacted to his death. . . [Redacted]

Yours truly,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

b7(c)

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Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

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Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of April 9th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I made the statement concerning Martin Luther King attributed to me in your letter at a press conference on November 18, 1964. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles show prior outgoing to correspondent 2-21-68 in response to his inquiry concerning the John Birch Society.

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[REDACTED]
Cedar Falls, Iowa
9 April 1967

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director Federal Bureau of
Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Did you say in 1964 that ~~the~~
Martin Luther King was the "most notorious
liar in the country?" And if you did,
what led you to make this remark?

It is hard for me to believe
how the American people have reacted
to his death...

Yours truly,

Ack
WmGimm
4-15-68
[initials]

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b7(c)

Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

CORRESPONDENCE ^{WmG}

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100-106670-3317 April 15, 1968

[Redacted]

Gaylord, Michigan 49735

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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of April 5, 1968, has been received.

While I have never made any public statements relative to the source of Dr. King's finances, I did very definitely challenge Dr. King's truthfulness when he made misleading and false statements concerning Agents of this Bureau.

In view of the confidential nature of FBI files, as prescribed by the Department of Justice, no further information regarding the subject of your inquiry can be released.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

MAILED 12
APR 15 1968
COMM-FBI

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [Redacted]

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April 5, 1968

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In the past I remember reading or hearing a statement by you stating that civil rights leader, MARTIN LUTHER KING, was largely financed by communist money. would it be possible to obtain a copy of that statement?

Thank you.

Yours truly

[Redacted signature]

b7(c)

Gaylord, Michigan 49735

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April 16, 1968

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[Redacted]

Kingsville, Texas 78363

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of April 10th has been received.

In response to your inquiries, at a press conference on November 18, 1964, I did make the statement that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

I have never made any statements to the effect that Martin Luther King was a communist. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, could not be released under provisions of an order issued by the Department of Justice pertaining to all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. The current Kingsville, Texas, telephone directory indicates [Redacted] is the pastor [Redacted] therefore, he is being addressed as Reverend.

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Kingsville, Texas 78363

A worshipping
community of
God's people
committed
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April 10, 1968

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Part of the aftermath of the recent trauma of our nation has been a heightening of pro and con feelings in connection with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Some people have paraphrased statements which they attributed to you in which you supposedly stated that Dr. King was a liar and affiliated with Communist front organizations. If you did indeed make these remarks, I would appreciate very much knowing in what context they were uttered and whether or not any subsequent events may have changed your mind. This information would be most helpful to me and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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APR 17 1968

FBI

Date: 4/8/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-3428)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5541)

POOR PEOPLES CAMPAIGN
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BUFILE 157-3428

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
S.A. - C
BUFILE 100-106570

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Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 3/28/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and
for Atlanta and WFO are four and two copies respectively
of LHM re captioned matter.

LEAD:

CHARLOTTE:

AT CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Will follow and report.

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Charlotte, North Carolina
April 8, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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POOR PEOPLES CAMPAIGN
RACIAL MATTERS

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTERS - C

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Reference is made to memorandum at Charlotte, North Carolina, dated March 26, 1968, captioned "Washington Spring Project, Racial Matter and MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Security Matter - C."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (deceased), president, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), had publicly announced he would conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the nation's Capitol the third week of April, 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing the legislation favorable to the Negro.

Due to his assassination at Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, sources contacted in the State of North Carolina stated that they have received no further instructions from SCLC Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, regarding the above captioned march.

The attached page sets forth more detailed data relative to the Washington Spring Project.

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April 12, 1968

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P.C. Hoover

D. [unclear]

Windsor, Colorado 80550

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of April 8th, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your inquiries, I made the statement concerning Martin Luther King attributed to me in your enclosure at a press conference on November 18, 1964. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South. The personal ventures and activities of the other individuals you mentioned are their own and I am not in a position to comment on them in any way whatsoever.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. There is no record of the article, "New Politics: The Communists Get Set for 1968," by Gary Allen as mentioned in her enclosure. Allen, about whom we have had prior citizen inquiries, has written articles published by "American Opinion," a publication of the John Birch Society.

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WINDSOR, COLORADO 80850

April 8, 1968

Martin Luther King Jr.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Department of Justice
 Constitution Avenue & 10th Street
 Washington, D.C. 20530

Gentlemen:

The enclosed clipping comes from the Greeley Tribune of Greeley, Colorado, for Saturday, April 6, 1968.

I should like to know if Mr. J. Edgar Hoover made the statement attributed to him, and if he did so, under what circumstances.

If the statement was not made by Mr. Hoover, I should like to know what action will be taken with regard to Mr. Wells, who I understand is a resident of Greeley, Colorado. I should also appreciate information, if such is available, regarding the present activities of Karl Prussion and Gary Allen, both of whom were quoted.

As a private citizen I am often outraged at the lack of good taste where political issues are concerned, but this is the first time I have written to any organization for information.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature]

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The Night Watchman

By Bob Wells



What's NEXT ???

The senseless and ridiculous slaying of Martin Luther King — that could not possibly help anyone except the Communist conspiracy — should be another reminder to the American people, that the Communist plan is divide and conquer. To totally destroy the government of the United States by whatever means necessary.

HOWEVER:

For part of the communications media to imply martyrdom, when the truth is the opposite, is an insult to American citizens of all races, and in my opinion, the height of hypocrisy.

As you might suspect — I don't "buy" Martin Luther King as being simply, the "Christian Martyr" who led his "underprivileged" people toward their earthly utopia.

To be honest with you gentle readers — and as a matter of fact — I believed the honorable J. Edgar Hoover, the very respected head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, when, in 1964, he said "... I consider (Martin Luther) King to be the most notorious liar in the country."

I also believed Karl Prusien, former FBI counterespionage, when he testified several years ago that M. L. King had over 60 communist front affiliations.

I even believe Jim Lucier who says, "His (MLK) theory of love has dripped from some of the best magazines; and his doctrine of non-violence has inspired some of the finest riots." (American Opinion 11-63). As the old saying goes—"A communist front is a communist backer."

American Opinion sent Gary Allen to Chicago last labor day weekend to cover the National Conference for New Politics to be held at the elegant Palmer House hotel. Here's a few excerpts from his report titled "NEW POLITICS — The Communists Get Set for 1968."

"This little horror show had been promoted as the most significant gathering on the Left in two decades . . . It aimed to build a unified and cohesive political coalition around "Civil Rights," Black Nationalism, the peacebikes, the New Left, revolutionary labor, and the "Liberal" religious groups. In Communist parlance they came to establish a United Front, one closely paralleling and including the revolutionary "union of the poor" being assembled by Walter Reuther and Martin Luther King as the Citizens Crusade Against Poverty." Who furnished the Money???

Continued next week.

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April 12, 1968

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Sumter, South Carolina 29150

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Dear [Redacted]

In response to your letter of April 6th, I am
unable to furnish you any information from FBI files since
such data must be maintained as confidential in accordance
with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sorry
I cannot be of assistance in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

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April 6 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been hearing for years that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a communist. Can you please tell me if this is true? No one else seems to be able to enlighten me.

I am a widow and have a very fine twenty-four year old son fighting to combat communism in Vietnam. His life is in danger every minute and things are very difficult. It gives me very mixed feeling to have our American flag flying at half mast in Sumter to-day for the biggest communist we have ever had and laud him as a non violent person.

Did Washington D. C. look non violent to you last night?

Thanking you in advance for any help you can give me on this.

*Propaganda
to negro
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Yours truly

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Sumter, S. C. 29150

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100-106670-3313 April 15, 1968

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Rock Falls, Illinois 61071

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Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter of April 9th. In response to your inquiry, I did make the statement that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country at a press conference on November 18, 1964. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Rock Falls, Ill

61071

April 9, 1968

Dear Sir:

We were discussing the late Mr. King in a class at school, and during the discussion, your name was brought up. I would like to know, did you consider the late Mr. M.L. King Jr. a liar? If so why? Also, would you have any proof of this? We are all anxiously awaiting an answer.

Sincerely yours

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[Redacted]
Rock Falls, Ill.
61071
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Sincerely your,

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Martin Luther King Jr.

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April 12, 1968

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Honorable Alton Lennon
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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My dear Congressman:

Your communication of April 10th, with enclosures,
has been received.

Although I would like to be of assistance with respect
to your request, information in our files must be maintained as con-
fidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. You
may wish to contact the Attorney General concerning this matter.

The enclosures to your communication are being
returned.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: We have had previous cordial correspondence with
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 10, 1968

Respectfully referred to

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

I am receiving many letters
similar to the ones attached.

Would you please furnish me
appropriate information on the sub-
ject that I may relay to concerned
constituents.

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Very respectfully,

Alton Lennon
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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April 6, 1968

Honorable Alton Lennon
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Lennon:

It is imperative that the F.B.I. report on Martin Luther King and Racial Order be released.

Sincerely yours,

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April 8, 1968
Wilmington N. C.

The Honorable Alton A. Lennon
House of Representatives
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

We respectfully urge you to use your influence, to have our Administration release F. B. I. report on Martin Luther King and Racial Disorders.


While shocking and deplorable that any American should be assassinated, it is also dishonorable that a man with King's Communist affiliations and notorious background should be eulogized as a hero and set up as an example for fellow Americans. His life and death have best served Communist purposes, as has much of the Civil Rights movement. We are deeply concerned about our nation and the oncoming anarchy. We feel the American public is entitled to know the truth about King and his activities and that the suppression of this truth will best serve Communist aims.

Being emphatically opposed to any and all communist aims, we would sincerely appreciate anything you can do toward bringing out the truth about this infamous man and his purpose.

Respectfully,


Wilmington, N. C.

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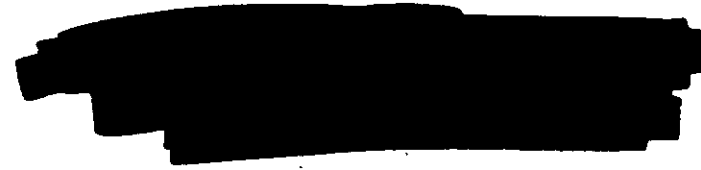
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Wilmington, N. C.
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Cong. Alton Lennon
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

During these days of crises and civil disobedience, our citizens are becoming more and more alarmed with the lawlessness in our country.

About three weeks ago, Sen. Strom Thurmond urged that the official report from the F.B.I. on Dr. Martin Luther King be made public. I should like to urge you as an official representative from this state to support this move and that the American people be informed about the real Martin Luther King. As a public servant, I believe you to be interested in the welfare of this nation.

I should also like to urge you that the report on racial disorders from the F.B.I. be made public. I realize that it is important that certain information be withheld at certain times, but what could be more important than publicly exposing those who are subtly destroying this great nation of ours with a false front of Non-violence.

I should like to know your views concerning these matters and trust that you will urge this information be made public to the American people at once.

Respectfully yours,

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April 10, 1968

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Payette, Idaho 83861

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Dear [Redacted]

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D. [Redacted]

In reply to your letter of April 5th, I have never made any statements to the effect that Martin Luther King was a communist. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, could not be released under provisions of an order issued by the Department of Justice pertaining to all matters of a confidential nature.

I did make the statement that he was the most notorious liar in the country at a press conference on November 18, 1964. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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PAYETTE, IDAHO 83601

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April 5, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover
 Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

In the wake of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, many persons in this area are claiming that he was a communist.

Their chief source for this claim is you. It has been said before groups that you have said that Dr. Martin Luther King was a communist, had been since his youth, and that, furthermore, you said (and I am loosely quoting) that he was the worst "liar" this country has ever known.

If you did say these things, I am confident that you will inform me of such. If not, I would appreciate hearing from your office to that effect. Words are thrown around so loosely these days, that one begins to wonder who is crazy.

With a firm conviction that you will set me, and many more persons in this area straight, and that in the end truth and reason will prevail, I remain dedicated to those two concepts.

My highest regards,

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April 12, 1968

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[Redacted]

Walnut Creek, California 94598

Dear [Redacted]

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DATE 2-9-81 BY SP4 RDM/ML
6076

I have received your letter of April 8th and want to thank you for your kind sentiments regarding my work and the FBI.

Although I would like to be of service with respect to your inquiry concerning Martin Luther King, I am not in a position to comment as you desire since information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.

I am enclosing some material concerning communism which I trust will be of help to you. Perhaps you will also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." The former was written with the hope that it would help its readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities. The latter is a comprehensive study of the development and expansion of communism throughout the world. These books may be available at your local library.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

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4/8/68

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 United States Department of Justice
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I write you in an attitude of humility and concern for the great work you & your department are doing to protect our free country & the Constitution of the United States. I commend you for your efforts & appreciate these efforts.

I believe whole heartedly in free agency & believe all people regardless of color, nationality etc. are entitled to it. We are all children of the same God & entitled to the same blessing as we labor thru the "sweat of our brows."

My concern is about the truthfulness of information I have been told regarding Martin Luther King. I have been advised that he has attended over a period of time communist training schools.

My personal inward feelings have left me feeling uneasy about this man and if he really stood for all he appeared to be standing for in his labors.

I was told that about 18 months ago the FBI tried to expose him as a Communist. If so & if this is the truth could you so clarify it for me.

I am only searching for the truth for my own peace of mind. Should the information I've been given be of the truth & your department confirm it, then I have reason for greater concern and would greatly appreciate your suggestions as to what course I, as an American citizen, could take to try to aid in the further protection of our Country & the Constitution from Communism.

I am a sales manager for General Goods Corporation.

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I am a devout Christian, actively engaged in the Morman Church. I have two sons who will gratefully serve their Country when needed, as I did.

I request your reply and any material you would care to send me.

Sincerely,

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Walnut Creek, Calif. 94598

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Country & the Constitution from Communism.

I am a sales manager for General
Foods Corporation.

I am a devoted Christian, actively engaged
in the Mormon Church, & have two sons who
will gratefully serve their Country when needed
as I did.

I request your reply and any material you
care to send me.

Sincerely,
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[Redacted signature]

Walnut Creek Calif. 945

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b7(c) Waco, Texas 76711

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of April 8th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I made the statement concerning Martin Luther King attributed to me in your letter at a press conference on November 18, 1964. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South. It is not possible for me to comment further inasmuch as information in our files must remain confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I have no objection to your quoting from this letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mc [Signature]

NOTE: Bufiles indicate one prior outgoing dated 11-27-64 in response to his letter concerning the Director's press conference of 11-18-64. He was furnished a copy of the Director's speech, "Time for Decision."

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April 8-1968

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, M. A., LLD.
Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:-

As one American that never was a fan of the late Martin Luther King, I always appreciated your T. V. program in 1964, the exact date I do not recall, but it was the exact day and hour Dr. King received the Nobel Peace Prize which he read just before he made his acceptance speech - frustrated.

I do not recall the woman's organization, or the spokesman for them when you were asked about Dr. King and you said he was the most notorious liar in the country. I'd like to have if possible this program account, or any summary of King's-coming's going's and doing's.

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REC. 4/12/68 [signature]

A. R. COPELAND
2833 Ross Avenue PL 4-115
Waco, Texas 76711

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time someone spoke out, and Americans came to their senses.

Again, will say that I am not a nut as left wingers try to make out against any one who speaks out against their Pinks Minks and stinks. Over the years I have had to match blow for blow with those who would undermine our Lord, homes and country, Fortunately they underestimated my ability to match their thinking; and after they had had their fun, I had mine by making a sieve out of their arguments.

Pardon this lengthy epistle but I'm full up of chaff, tares, briars and brambles put out in the name of patriotism, and worst of all, christianity and comparing MLK with christ etc. One of these John Maynard Keynes devotees of Harvard sought to have some fun at my expense, was he surprised.

A man tried to make fun of your education to me once, I knew your degrees but not your schools, but squelched it. I too, hold degrees, diplomas and certificates.

I will deeply appreciate hearing from you about King's record etc. with permission to quote, Thanking you I am yours in his name.

Sincerely

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[redacted signature]

WACO, TEXAS

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April 12, 1968

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RA
[Redacted]
St. Louis, Missouri 63116

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of April 8th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, while I wish it were possible to be of assistance to you, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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April 8, 1968

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Information Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am working on a school project in which I would appreciate
Your help. It is in reference to the late Dr. Martin Luther
King Jr. I know that he was a very good man who tried to
help his people as well as all Americans, however is it true
that he was a communist, or trained in a communist school?
I have heard numerous reports concerning this matter and
would like to have the truth in this matter. Could you
please send me this information? I would greatly appreciate
your help. The following is my address, I am a student of
St. Mary's High School in St. Louis Missouri.

[REDACTED]
St. Louis, Mo.
63116

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I would appreciate a speedy reply. Any information would be
a great help to me.

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Thank you, 100-106670 - 551

FROM [REDACTED]

ST. LOUIS MO. 63116

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CORRESPONDENCE

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MEMPHIS
2:50AM URGENT 4-3-68 CNF
TO DIRECTOR
FROM MEMPHIS (157-1092) 2P

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Racial Matter

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SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., ~~RI~~

RE ME TEL APRIL TWO SIXTYEIGHT

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF APRIL TWO ACTIVITIES.

bcjg

H.C. White

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[REDACTED]

ADVISED APRIL

TWO, LAST THAT LARRY PAYNE'S BODY WAS INTERRED FOLLOWING FUNERAL WITH ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED.

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[REDACTED]

ADVISED THAT APPROXIMATELY SIXTY SANITATION WORKERS MARCHED DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS AFTERNOON OF APRIL TWO, LAST. NO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS REPORTED.

[REDACTED]

ADVISED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ALONG WITH

RALPH D. ABERNATHY, BERNARD LEE, AND ANDREW M. YOUNG SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ME., TEN FIFTEEN AM APRIL THREE, FROM ATLANTA.

100-106670-
NOT RECORDED

A SOURCE ADVISED THAT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT CLAYBORNE TEMPLE APRIL TWO, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) REPRESENTATIVES STATED THAT NIGHTLY MASS STRIKE SUPPORT MEETINGS WILL BE RESUMED NIGHT OF APRIL THREE, NEXT WITH KING AS THE FEATURED SPEAKER. MASS MARCH TO BE HELD FRIDAY, APRIL FIVE, NEXT AND ALLEGEDLY WILL INCLUDE CHILDREN.

END PAGE ONE.

Included in letter to White House
by Attorney General. Date 4-3-68

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Handwritten number: 5

PAGE TWO

[REDACTED] ADVISED MEMPHIS CITY OFFICIALS ARE CONSIDERING
SEEKING A COURT INJUNCTION PROHIBITING ANY MASS MARCH LED BY
KING OR AN INJUNCTION SPECIFYING CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A
b7(D) MARCH COULD TAKE PLACE.

[REDACTED] MEMPHIS PD, INSPECTIONAL BUREAU ADVISED LATE
PM APRIL TWO, LAST THAT ONLY MINOR INCIDENTS OF BRICK THROWING AND
SMALL GATHERINGS OF INDIVIDUALS REPORTED. [REDACTED] ADVISED NO MAJOR
DISTURBANCES OR ANY UNUSUAL INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE REPORTED IN LATE
PM APRIL TWO, LAST OR EARLY AM APRIL THREE, INSTANT.

END

BGM

FBI WASH DC

cc: [REDACTED]

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[Redacted]
Yermo, California 91968 BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA 92311

Dear Ed,

We are shocked at the reactions of the World to Dr(?) King's death.

The likening of a man such as he to Christ makes us sick to our stomach.

It's too bad you cannot make public, the man he really was. If you did we'd really have a war on our hands.

We are dis-satisfied with the statement of that Texas Jackass living in the white birdhouse on the hill that the rioting will not be tolerated & they want allowing the Police & the Military a free hand. This is an act of War against the Republic.

I'm afraid if our Gov't don't do better, about stopping this, the people will. You know who's side I'm on. This needs no answer.

Sincerely,
[Redacted Signature]

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Martin Luther KING

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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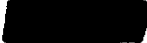

TO : Mr. Bishop *BS*





DATE: 4-15-68

FROM : D. C. Morrell *DM*

SUBJECT: 
BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA *92311*


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By letter 4-9-68,  suggests that the reaction to the death of Martin Luther King makes him sick and that it is too bad the Director cannot make public the type of man King really was.  referred to President Johnson as a "texas Jackass" and to the White House as "white birdhouse." He concludes his letter by stating it requires no answer.


Bufiles disclose  was interviewed in connection with a possible Theft of Government Property investigation during  He was cooperative. Information was received from New Zealand authorities during  that  had made an application for permanent residence in New Zealand.

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OBSERVATION:

In view of the derogatory comments  made concerning President Johnson and since he obviously does not expect a reply to his 4-9-68 letter, it would appear no useful purpose would be served in acknowledging the receipt of his communication.

RECOMMENDATION:

That no acknowledgment be made to  letter of 4-9-68.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure
- HCS:lmf
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April 15, 1968

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[Redacted]

Raleigh, North Carolina 27610

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of April 10th, with enclosure, and appreciate the interest which prompted you to write and furnish me your remarks concerning the matters you mentioned. I also want to thank you for your kind sentiments.

With respect to your comments, you may wish to know that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. His enclosure is a card setting forth the Articles of Faith of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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April 10, 1968

[REDACTED] b7(c)
Raleigh, North Carolina 27610

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DATE _____ BY _____

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I appreciate the opportunity of being able to write to you. The fact that I have approached you concerning one of the things I feel to be important is in itself a sense of respect of one of the freedoms we have left. At the same time I send you the greetings and best wishes due a man of your position, honor and status. |

Now that some of the excitement over the demise of the late Martin Luther King is subsiding a bit, and because of the honors accorded this individual, I wonder if it is not time for the government to take off the "kid gloves" and let the American people know the real activities of this individual; his activities and his associations with men who are not loyal to the United States. X

As an American citizen I feel as though I not only have the right but that I have a responsibility to be concerned enough to ask questions. The United States Congress has a responsibility to make the real activities of this individual known, revealed in the open, letting the chips fall where they may.

If Dr. King was as honest and virtuous as the federal government attempts to make him appear, then all will be well. If, on the other hand, Dr. King is exposed to be a traitor to his race and to the United States, then the people should know.

I do not ask this, Mr. Hoover, out of malice. I ask these things because of my concern for my country. REC-52 100-106670-3305

Thank you for your time and patience. 10 APR 16 1968

Respectfully,
[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

b7(c)

CORRESPONDENCE
9/17

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ENCLOSURE



THE ARTICLES OF FAITH
Of The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints

1. We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that man will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression.
3. We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.
4. We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.
5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands, by those who are in authority to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.
6. We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church, viz.: apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc.
7. We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.
8. We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.
9. We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.
10. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes; that Zion will be built upon this [the American] continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth; and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisaical glory.
11. We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may.
12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates, in obeying, honoring, and sustaining the law.
13. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul—We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things. JOSEPH SMITH

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Via AIRTEL

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D. Anderson

TO Director, FBI (100-106670)
FROM SAC, Boston (100-35794) (RUC)
MARTIN LUTHER KING
SM - C
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Re Cleveland airtel, 3/29/68, copies of which are enclosed herewith for New Haven and Albany.

Remington Arms, contrary to information furnished by the source in the enclosed airtel, is not located at Springfield, Massachusetts, nor in fact are any shotguns manufactured in that city. In order to prevent any subsequent confusion the following individuals, who represent the only firms engaged in firearm manufacture in the area, were contacted on 4/9/68:

[Redacted] stated that company is involved in the manufacture of hand guns and does not make a shotgun. He stated all shipments by that firm are to distributors and dealers throughout the U.S. and the captioned individual could not make a purchase in his own name of a single gun.

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[Redacted] stated that firm does manufacture a shotgun but ships only to recognized distributors in the U.S. and to Sears & Roebuck Company. An individual or dealer could obtain shotguns only through the distributor. He stated further there has been no single shipment of 10,000 shotguns within memory.

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C. C. Bishop

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 - 2 - New Haven (Enc. 1) (RM)
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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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BS 100-35794

██████████ and ██████████ were of the opinion that Remington shotguns are manufactured at both Ilion, New York, and Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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LEADS

ALBANY AND NEWHAVEN

At Ilion, New York, and at Bridgeport, Connecticut

Will, unless advised to the contrary, conduct the inquiry of the Remington Arms Company set forth in the referenced airtel.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Rosen *[Signature]*

FROM : C. L. McGowan *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 9, 1968

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

At 10:35 p. m., an individual who identified himself as [REDACTED], Oakland, California, telephonically advised that he is currently residing at Coit-Ramsey Hotel in Oakland and was doing some research concerning Martin Luther King.

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[REDACTED] desired to be furnished information regarding "several people forced to leave King's organization because of communist affiliations" and wanted to know if the year this occurred was "1966 or 1967." [REDACTED] said he could get this information from newspaper files but he was in a hurry. He was advised of the confidential nature of FBI files, at which time he said "I guess I'll have to call my Senator" and terminated the call.

Bureau indices contain no references to [REDACTED]

ACTION:

None. For information.

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April 11, 1968

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Newnan, Georgia 30263

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 5th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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[REDACTED] b7(c)
Newnan, Georgia 30263
April 5, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover;

Our history class in school was discussing the recent death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Several members of the class claimed that Dr. King was a communist and that FBI reports had shown this. I would like to know if this is true and if it is how you know it. The information would be very much appreciated. Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

b7(c)
[REDACTED]
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Newnan, Georgia
April 5, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover;

Our history class in school was discussing the recent death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Several members of the class claimed that Dr. King was a communist and that FBI reports had shown this. I would like to know if this is true and if it is how you know it. The information would be very much appreciated. Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

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Date 4/5/68

Information in attached regarding Senator Robert Kennedy's plane being placed by him at the disposal of the King family previously received and is not being disseminated. The remaining information is being furnished the Department, ~~Army, Navy, and Air Force.~~

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SECURITY MATTER-COMMUNISM

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM-C
OFFICE OF ORIGIN.. ATLANTA

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Miss Gandy	✓

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INFORMATION IS TO BE CLASSIFIED "SECRET" ADVISED APRIL FIVE SIXTY EIGHT THAT ANDREW YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), WHOSE PRESIDENT WAS MARTIN LUTHER KING, DISCUSSED KING'S SUCCESSOR WITH STANLEY LEVISON THIS DATE. THEY AGREED RALPH (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) IS ONLY LOGICAL SUCCESSOR. (IT IS BELIEVED RALPH IS REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY, OFFICIAL OF SCLC). YOUNG, WHO WAS IN MEMPHIS, SAID PRESS CONFERENCE WILL

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BE CALLED LATER THIS MORNING TO "SORT OF STRAIGHTEN THINGS OUT" AND TO ANNOUNCE ESTABLISHMENT OF MARTIN LUTHER KING FUND TO PERPETUATE KING'S MEMORY. SOURCE UNABLE TO ADVISE IF CONFERENCE IN MEMPHIS OR ATLANTA. YOUNG STATED BOBBY KENNEDY HAD CALLED AND PLACED HIS PLANE AT THEIR DISPOSAL. YOUNG AND LEVISON AGREED TO MEET AT THE HOUSE (KING'S) IN ATLANTA AROUND ONE THIRTY TODAY.

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Date 4/5/68

Attached refers to advisors and associates of the late Martin Luther King, in New York, who are planning to go to Atlanta and Memphis, in light of the assassination of King. They are reconsidering joining the 4/8/68 march in Memphis, in support of sanitation workers there and the poor peoples march King had planned for Washington, D. C. during April, 1968.

Atlanta has been advised. Memphis and WFO will be advised.

Pertinent parts of the attached have been furnished to the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C, OO- ATLANTA.

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TO BE CLASSIFIED "SECRET") ADVISED APRIL FOUR SIXTY EIGHT,
THAT ON THAT NIGHT STANLEY LEVISON AND HARRY WACHTEL, ON
LEARNING OF ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, INITIALLY
DECIDED TO GET FLIGHT RESERVATIONS TO MEMPHIS FOR SIX
PERSONS. THESE RESERVATIONS INTENDED FOR WACHTEL AND
HIS WIFE, LEVISON, CLARENCE JONES, HARRY BELAFONTE, AND
POSSIBLY BAYARD RUSTIN. DURING COURSE OF THEIR CONVERSATIONS,
WACHTEL MENTIONED HE WAS CALLED BY RUSTIN WHO HAD BEEN
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CALLED BY JIM ~~LAWSON~~ (IN MEMPHIS) AND SAID THEY ARE TRYING TO GET ALL TYPES OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS DOWN THERE (MEMPHIS) TO KEEP THINGS FROM BREAKING WIDE OPEN. LEVISON FELT HE AND WACHTEL SHOULD GO TO MEMPHIS SO THEY COULD CONTRIBUTE TO PERPLEXING QUESTIONS WHICH THE (SCLC) STAFF WILL BE FACED WITH. LEVISON EXPLAINED THAT HE MEANT ~~THEY~~ ^H SHOULD ^{THAT} GO ON "THIS MARCH" (MEMPHIS MARCH SCHEDULED FOR APRIL EIGHT) AND "THE WASHINGTON THING" (KING'S POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN)? LEVISON SAID HE THINKS "WE'VE GOT TO BE ANGRY". HE ADDED THAT YOUNG IS PROBABLY THINKING THERE ARE MANY NEGROES WHO ARE GOING TO GET HYSTERICAL AND GO OUT AND GET THEMSELVES SHOT. LATER, LEVISON AND HARRY BELAFONTE AGREED TO FLY TO ATLANTA, NOT MEMPHIS, AT ELEVEN THIRTY AM, APRIL FIVE AND LET WACHTEL AND OTHERS WORRY ABOUT THEMSELVES. (S)

ATLANTA TELEPHONICALLY, ADVISED.

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April 12, 1968

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[Redacted]

Los Angeles, California 90049

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter was received on April 11th.

In reply to your question, I have never made any statements to the effect that Martin Luther King was a communist. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, could not be released under provisions of an order issued by the Department of Justice pertaining to all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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b7(c)

Los Angeles, Calif. 90049

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

Would you please tell me how I may disprove the rumor that you said Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a communist or was one who had communistic leanings?

I, too, am a caucasian, in deep grief, who wishes to do her part in making this blessed, great country of ours an even better and stronger land of the free.

Yours very truly,

/s/

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Los Angeles, Calif. 90049

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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how I may disprove the rumor
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Yours very truly,

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April 10, 1968

[Redacted]

Houston, Texas 77042

b7(c)

Dear [Redacted]

Your communication of April 9th has been received and I want to thank you for your generous comments.

You may wish to know that information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. As a representative of the FBI, it is necessary for me to comply with these regulations.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHDC

DEAR MR HOOVER EVERY MAN IN AMERICA, RESPECTS AND ADMIRES YOU,
YOUR POSITION, AND YOUR ORGANIZATION. IN THE NAME OF GOD AND
THIS COUNTRY, SPEAK UP AND TELL THIS HYSTERICAL NATION WHAT
MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS AND STOOD FOR. RESPECTFULLY YOURS
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La Grange Park, Illinois 60525

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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of April 8th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information
contained in our files must be maintained as confidential
in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.
I regret I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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April 8, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington 25, D. C.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Would you please send to my attention, as quickly as possible, a copy of your file on Martin Luther King as I understand it is available. Thank you for your help in this matter.

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Yours very truly,

La Grange Park, Illinois 60525

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Levittown, New York 11756

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of April 6th and want to thank you for furnishing me your comments concerning the matter you mentioned. You may be certain I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Levittown, N. Y.
April 6, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover:

MARTIN LUTHER KING

While watching Dr. King's last speech on T. V. last night I was struck by the thought that here was a man that knew he was going to die and soon. His intensesness, mannerism and emotional state indicated to me an inward struggle as he committed himself to the path of martyrdom for his cause. What he said also supports this: (1) 'I've been to the top of the mountain and saw the promised land'. (Moses was allowed by God to view the promised land but not to enter. He died on the mountain side Deut. 34:1-5)

- (2) 'I won't enter the promised land with you'.
- (3) Longivity of life is good, but I can give it up", or words to that effect.
- (4) 'Mine eyes behold the Glory of the Lord'.

The tears in his eyes, the faltering moment when the eyes snaped, and the final commitment were all in evidence. Then as he finished he collapsed in his chair.

I suggest a very careful investigation of those advisers and friends closest to him for hints as to his willingness to die for the cause. The possibility of a planned martyrdom should not be overlooked.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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LEVITTOWN, NEW YORK 11776

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Levittown N.Y.
April 6, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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② "I won't enter the promised land with you."

③ "Longevity of life is good, but I can give it up", or words to that effect.

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④ "Mine eyes behold the glory of the Lord."

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The tears in his eyes, the faltering moment when the eyes squeezed, and the final commitment were all in evidence. Then as he finished he collapsed.

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Paola, Kansas 66071

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of April 5th, with enclosure, has been received and I want to thank you for your generous comments.

Although I would like to be of service in response to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, you can be assured that I have never made a statement as attributed to me in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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April 5, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

After the death of Martin Luther King, the American people are being told how "wonderful" this "non-violent, Nobel peace prize-winner" was. I recall, however, that during the time he received the Nobel prize, you linked him with several communist front activities. Since then, the national press has hushed up that information, and therefore, I would please like to know as much about his treasonous connections as possible. I have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope for your reply. It is comforting to know that there are still patriotic Americans like yourself in our government who try to warn us about our enemies. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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[Redacted address]

Paola, Kansas 66071

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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CORRESPONDENCE
Very truly yours,
[redacted] b7(c)

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April 8, 1968

Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D. C. 20540

Attention: Amateur Radio Branch

Gentlemen:

On the morning of April 7, 1968 I tuned in what appeared to be a broadcast station commentary on Martin Luther King Jr.; his connection with communism; his associates who are communists; spoken in precise English in a professional manner.

This is to advise that to my amazement I found that I was listening to amateur radio station KZ4IS/4448 Sarasota, Florida in communication with W1LW on a frequency of 21420 using the single sideband mode.

This young man very methodically detailed communist affiliations and went on to say "...Walter Reuther and President Johnson supported King and are as bad as King..."

He further advised W1LW to send for a subscription to: Pathfinder, P O Box 10000, Phoenix, Arizona 85010 to receive further information on the communist activities etc.

I monitored him from approximately 11:04AM through 11:31AM and heard a KC station break in and tell him his remarks and subject matter were inappropriate on amateur radio. He answered that the government allowed rioting on the streets and he was exercising his right to free speech etc.

If the above activity constitutes a violation of amateur radio rules and regulations I would be willing to sign a sworn statement relating to the above. For 30 years as a licensed amateur I have never heard anything so malicious.

I also feel that this warrants a detailed investigation and by copy of this letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

Warrant a detailed investigation and by copy of this letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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6086 INFORMATIVE NOTE
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Attached relates to a conversation between Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference and his principal advisor and long-time secret Communist Party member, Stanley Levison. (S)

Information in attached will be furnished the White House Attorney General and interested Government agencies. (U)

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TO DIRECTOR 100-106670 ATLANTA RICHMOND AND WASHINGTON FIELD

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FROM NEW YORK 100-136585 2P

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, SA - C. SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST.

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IN CONTACT WITH STANLEY LEVISON JUST PRIOR TO MIDNIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT WHEN THEY DISCUSSED

RIOT IN MEMPHIS. KING STATED HE WAS DEPRESSED BY RIOTS AND WAS CONSIDERING CALLING OFF THE WASHINGTON MARCH.

LEVISON ADVISED KING HE SHOULD TAKE POSITION THAT MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN MEMPHIS MARCH DID NOT JOIN IN THE RIOTING AND PROVES THE EFFECTIVENESS OF KING'S POLICY OF NON VIOLENCE. LEVISON EMPHASIZED THAT THE WASHINGTON

MARCH WILL DIFFER FROM MEMPHIS MARCH SINCE KING WILL HAVE ORGANIZED THE WASHINGTON MARCH AND CAN STRESS THE

IMPORTANCE OF NON VIOLENCE. KING AND SCLC WILL BE IN APRIL 1968 ATLANTA SATURDAY, THREE THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT TO DISCUSS

MEMPHIS INCIDENT AND PROBABLY WASHINGTON MARCH. KING WAS SCHEDULED TO BE IN WASHINGTON, DC. THREE TWENTY

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NINE SIXTY EIGHT WHICH HE HAS CANCELLED AND WAS SCHEDULED
TO BE IN VIRGINIA ON MARCH THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT WHICH HE
WILL PROBABLY CANCEL. (S)

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on March 29, 1968, that on that date, Stanley Levison and Martin Luther King, Jr. discussed the position which King has found himself in as a result of the violence that occurred in Memphis, Tennessee, on March 28, 1968, at the time when King led a march through downtown Memphis. King told Levison that he feels they have to face the fact that, from a public relations point of view and every other way, "we are in serious trouble". He referred to the Washington D.C. Spring campaign, known as the Poor People's Campaign, and said as far as it is concerned it is in trouble. King noted that it will be much more difficult to recruit people for the Washington campaign now because they (the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) (SCLC) are recruiting non-violent people and these people will hold back if they think they will be in a campaign that is going to be taken over by violent elements. King stated that this is not a failure for the SCLC because it has enough a program to affirm its position but that it is a personal setback for himself. (X)

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King continued that persons such as Roy Wilkins (Head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) and Adam Clayton Powell, and Negroes who are influenced by the press, will now feel that he, King, is finished, that his non-violence is nothing, that no one is listening to it. King reiterated that they have had a great public relations setback as far as his image and leadership are concerned. (X)

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Levison attempted to dissuade King from this point of view stating that it would be true only if King accepts "their" definition. He added that he felt it is a profound error King is making. (S)

King noted that he did not accept it himself but that others will. Levison retorted that people would accept it for a few days, but, if events prove otherwise, will not accept it. (S)

King noted that events will not prove otherwise unless they think soberly through this period. He said that somehow he had to reaffirm what the press will refuse to affirm. He referred to the Memphis incident stating that they all know it was just a few people who were involved. He added that it was a failure of the leadership in Memphis. King informed Levison that persons who were responsible for the violence came to see him on the morning of March 29, 1968. He said these persons were fighting the leadership in Memphis, the men who ignored and neglected them, the men who would not give them any attention, who ordered their telephones cut off. King added that he had no knowledge of all this, that the persons responsible for the violence were too sick to see that what they were doing during the violence was hurting him, King, more than it could hurt the local preachers. (S)

King related that he was so upset and shocked over the Memphis violence that he was going to announce a personal fast as a means of appealing to the Memphis leadership, as well as those who participated in the violence, to come to him in a united front to take up the "cudget" and get on with the movement. He said he felt this kind of spiritual move would be a way of unifying the movement, of transforming a minus into a plus. He added that he feels their Washington campaign is doomed. (S)

Levison attempted to convince King that his reasoning was not correct. Levison said he was concerned over the "trap" King was placing non-violence in because King was saying that he must have 100% adherence to non-violence which is an impossibility. (S)

King commented that they could not get 100% adherence but that they must face the fact that a riot broke out in the ranks of the march, that "these fellows", in the line of march, would (S)

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jump out, do something, and then come back to hide within the group. King said he is a symbol of non-violence and that the press is not going to say what Levison said. He said the symbol will be weakened and it will put many Negroes in doubt. He said he must do something that is a powerful act to unify forces and refute the press. (S)

Levison stated that if it had this result he would agree but that he is bothered by the idea that King would be accepting the logic of the press that if King can control 99%, and not the 1% who are violent, he is a failure. He said they must find a way in which they do not accept this otherwise King will never be able to do anything unless he always spiritually reaches a level where he hypnotizes every Negro alive. (S)

King questioned how he could say that they can control the planned demonstrations in Washington, D.C. and at the same time conclude they are going to have 1% violence. (S)

Levison counseled that King can say that he can control his followers and is not undertaking to control everybody else. He said King could take the position that his followers are non-violent and will do what they must do. (S)

They agreed to discuss the matter in depth at a meeting in Atlanta, Georgia in King's church office on the morning of March 30, 1968. (S)

The same source advised on March 31, 1968, that on that date Stanley Levison commented on the meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 30, 1968. Levison's comments included the following: (S)

At the Atlanta meeting they examined the whole Memphis incident and came up with a new approach. "We are going back to Memphis. We are going to prove that you can have mass action in the streets". Martin Luther King had decided not to go back to Memphis and not to go to Washington (for the Poor People's Campaign). It was the determination of the (SCLC) staff that (S)

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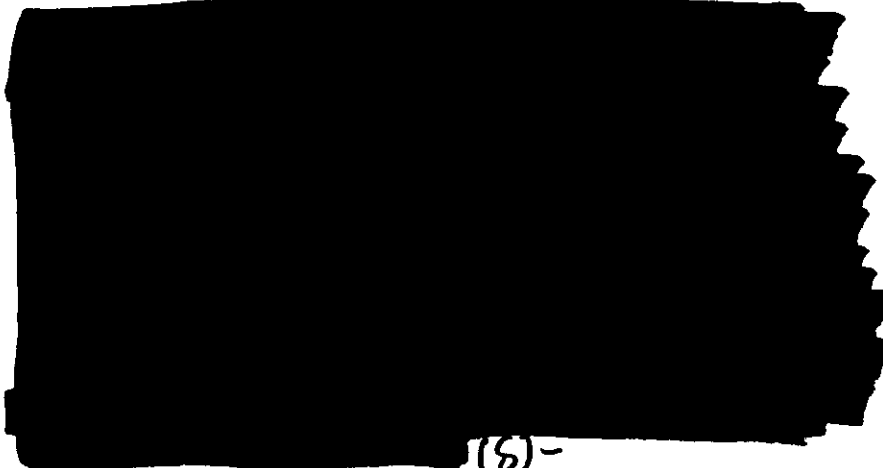
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changed King's thinking. King is going back to Memphis on Tuesday (April 2, 1968) and there will be a big march on Friday (April 5, 1968). The Memphis incident was caused by "a handful of kids" and it could have been controlled by "our guys" (the SCLC) had they been there. (S)

He, Levison, made the point that they could not let "a couple of kids" keep "mass action" from being their weapon. (S)

As for controlling the Washington, D.C. demonstrations, King knows he can control the youth. What has to be done is go to the high schools and tell them what the establishment wants them to do. Once they grasp this there is no chance of anything happening. What they (the SCLC) are afraid of in Washington is a double cross from Stokely Carmichael and the answer to that is that "our job" (the SCLC) is not to stop violence but to be non-violent themselves. "Our position" is that "we" are going to go on because to be able to march in the streets is "our most important tool" and are not going on the streets because it may start violence. "Why do we have to be afraid of riots". It is their problem not ours". (S)

The Atlanta meeting was good because it shows how much militancy there is in the SCLC. (S)



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